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SUBJECT: DATA FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN)

1. IN PREPARING FOR MTN WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS
WITH GNZ TARIFF TRADE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON GATT
COUNTRY COMPUTER TAPE WHICH WE BELIEVE REQUIRES GATT SEC-
RETARIAT ATTENTION. PROBLEM ARISES DUE TO ADOPTION MORE
DETAILED TARIFF BY GNZ ON JAN 1, 1972. UNFORTUNATELY
IMPORT DATA FOR 1970 FURNISHED TO GATT BY NEW ZEALAND
RELATED TO OLD SIX-DIGIT TARIFF RATHER THAN CURRENT SEVEN-
DIGIT TARIFF WHICH WILL BE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. IN
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ATTEMPTING TO REALLOCATE 1970 DATA ON THE BASIS OF THE

NEW GNZ TARIFF WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED A TWO-WAY SIX-DIGIT/SEVEN-DIGIT TARIFF CONCORDANCE. WHERE A ONE-TO-ONE CORRELATION BETWEEN OLD AND NEW TARIFF ITEMS EXISTS, DATA FOR A SIX-DIGIT ITEM CAN BE REALLOCATED DIRECTLY TO A SINGLE NEW SEVEN DIGIT ITEM. HOWEVER, IN MANY CASES, ONE OR MORE OLD SIX-DIGIT ITEMS CORRESPOND WITH ONE OR MORE NEW SEVEN-DIGIT ITEMS AND WE UNABLE DETERMINE FROM TARIFF DESCRIPTIONS HOW 1970 NZ TRADE SHOULD BE REALLOCATED AMONG THE CURRENT TARIFF ITEMS. ONLY GNZ IN POSITION MAKE VALID JUDGMENTS IN THIS AREA SINCE IT ALONE WILL DETERMINE IN WHICH TARIFF CATEGORIES FUTURE IMPORTS WILL ENTER. DATA NEEDED IN ORDER ASSESS WHAT, IF ANY, VALUE TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON THESE ITEMS WOULD HAVE FOR US.

2. PRIOR TO THE KENNEDY ROUND U.S. CONVERTED TO NEW TARIFF (I.E. TSUS) AND OUR TRADING PARTNERS HAD SIMILAR PROBLEM IN ASSESSING VALUE OF POTENTIAL REDUCTIONS IN NEW TARIFF. TO FACILITATE SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS WE PROVIDED TRADE DATA ON A TSUS LINE BASIS FOR YEAR 1963 DURING WHICH WE CONVERTED TO THE TSUS AND FOR SEVERAL PRIOR YEARS.

3. WE PREPARED SEEK INFO THROUGH EMBASSY WELLINGTON BUT RELUCTANT DO SO UNTIL FIRST ALERTING GATT TO PROBLEM. GATT SHOULD HAVE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO AUGMENT AND CLARIFY TRADE AND TARIFF DATA AMONG TARIFF STUDY COUNTRIES AS PROBLEMS ARISE.

4. MISSION REQUESTED ASCERTAIN IF SEC. AWARE THIS PROBLEM. IF SO, DOES: (1) SEC. PLAN REQUEST GNZ PROVIDE GATT WITH 1970 IMPORT DATA REALLOCATED ON BASIS OF CURRENT TARIFF (2) SEC. KNOW GNZ INTENTIONS REGARDING 1971 IMPORT DATA. MISSION MAY STRESS TO SEC. OFFICIALS THAT IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR US TO MAKE ALLOCATIONS AND BELIEVE BURDEN RESTS WITH GNZ. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT GNZ PROVIDE INFORMATION SO THAT ALL NEGOTIATING COUNTRIES WILL BE USING COMPARABLE INFORMATION THAT IS CURRENT IN TERMS OF GNZ TARIFF. KISSINGER

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